

# Honors & Scholars Semester of Service (SOS Initiative)



## Purpose

The Semester of Service (SOS) provides Honors and Scholars students the opportunity to participate in a semester long service project that focuses on a social issue. Participants investigate and reflect upon the issue while serving the local community. The participants experience includes bi-weekly meetings, readings, and volunteering at a service site weekly. The bi-weekly meetings are designed for learning more about the topic through group discussion on experience at service sites, guest speakers and articles.

## Impact

Students examine the social issue of mental health awareness, food security or educational access and how it affects the Columbus and/or campus community and can describe 3-5 prominent constituents.

Students are enabled to relate the knowledge gained through bi-weekly meetings and readings to their roles at their assigned service site promoting a transformational involvement and not transactional.

A reciprocal relationship between community organizations and OSU students is created resulting in meaningful ongoing partnerships.



### Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved

REACH Program  
Student Wellness Center  
Counseling and Consultation Services

### Community Partners Involved

Clintonville Beechwood Community Center  
The Dowd Center  
Boys and Girls Club  
I Know I Can

### How you can get involved:

- **Apply to be a part of a Semester of Service.**
- **Partner with Honors & Scholars as a service site.**
- **Present expertise on one of the related social issue at a bi-weekly meeting.**
- **Suggest literature that could be incorporated into the program curriculum.**

### To get involved, contact:

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